

**From:** [Dan Jones](#)  
**To:** [John Kraft](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Comment request for article  
**Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:35:45 PM

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Mr. Kraft –

Thank you for the email follow up on your FOIA request and prior to your publishing of an article that may include the Cary Park District. I'm confirming that your email with feedback and review of Cary Park District policy 1-010a is received. As a long standing best practice, the Cary Park District Board of Commissioners reviews its policies on a regular basis. I will pass along your email comments/questions to both the Board of Commissioners and the attorney for the Park District as input and feedback for consideration upon the next review.

Dan Jones

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Please consider this a request for comment on an article to be published this evening (April 18, 2019).

The Illinois Park District Code prohibits commissioners from receiving compensation for their services.

The Cary Park Board Policy provides for benefits to Commissioners and their family members under the guise of “evaluating” park services and programs, without requiring a written evaluation. I believe this violates the Park District Code.

So here are a few questions I would appreciate the District answering:

1. Would the Cary Park District consider eliminating these benefits?
2. If the District was genuinely interested in evaluations, shouldn't it merely be a reimbursable expense of the Commissioner after providing a detailed written evaluation of the program/service the commissioner evaluated? (Commissioner pays upfront)
3. Why do family members of commissioners qualify, above any other resident, to use park programs and facilities without cost?
4. Shouldn't you consider obtaining legitimate evaluations from regular District customers instead?
5. Will the District consider changing their policy on these benefits provided to commissioners and their family members?

Thanks,  
John Kraft  
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**From:** Katie Hughes <[khughes@carypark.com](mailto:khughes@carypark.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 9:50 AM  
**To:** John Kraft <[REDACTED]>  
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Dear Mr. Kraft,

Attached is the response to your April 8, 2019 Freedom of Information request.

Thank you,

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